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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 4, 2002, applicants' agent hereby respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Additionally, a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith.

In the specification, please amend the specification according to the amendments beginning on page 2 of this paper. A substitute copy of the specification, as well as a marked up copy version is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.125. The substitute specification and the marked up copy version contain no new matter.

In the claims, please amend the claims according to the entire set of pending claims beginning on page 6 of this paper.

In the drawings, please amend the drawings according to the amendments, and include attached replacement sheets, beginning on page 9 of this paper.

Please consider the remarks and arguments beginning on page 10 of this paper.